

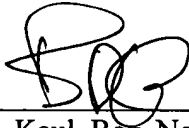
requirement develops.”

The Examiner has submitted that the present election requirement was necessitated by Applicant's amendments filed in response to the first Office Action mailed March 11, 2005. However, the original application included claims directed to both of the species of the invention identified by the Examiner. As a result, the amendments to the claims could not reasonably be said to have necessitated the present election requirement. Therefore, Applicant submits that the election requirement is improper and places an unreasonable burden on Applicant.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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